

## Background

Each year the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) issues Student Education Profiles (SEPs) to students who complete Year 12 in Queensland. The SEP may contain a Senior Certificate or it may contain a Senior Certificate and a Tertiary Entrance (TE) Statement. Schools approved by the Queensland Minister for Education that offer Authority subjects and/or Authority-registered subjects and agree to comply with the QSA's procedures may have Senior Certificates issued to their students at the completion of Year 12.

- All students who complete Year 12 with at least one result in an Authority subject, Authority-registered subject, or Recorded subject, receive a Senior Certificate. The Senior Certificate also reports the details of accredited vocational education and training (VET) and grades in the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test.
- A student is eligible for an Overall Position (OP) at the end of Year 12 provided that they have completed a minimum of 20 semester units of Authority subjects (including at least three subjects for all four semesters) and has sat for the QCS Test in that year. OP-eligible students receive a TE Statement reporting overall achievement on a ranking from OP1 (highest) to OP25 (lowest) and achievements in a maximum of five fields ranked from FP1 (highest) to FP10 (lowest) each.

Enrolment and certification statistics in this publication relate to internal students and to candidates for the Senior External Examination. Internal students are those who enrol to study full-time in an approved secondary school, where the minimum amount of timetabled school time provided for is 55 hours per semester per senior Authority or Authority-registered subject studied.

## Student Education Profiles (SEP)

In December 1996, the QSA issued 32 176 SEPs (excluding visa students<sup>1</sup>); 24 395 of these contained Tertiary Entrance Statements for Year 12 students who were OP-eligible, as well as the Senior Certificates included in all SEPs. SEPs were issued to 587 visa students including 498 Tertiary Entrance Statements for students who were equivalent OP-eligible.

<sup>1</sup> A visa student is a student who is not a citizen or permanent resident of Australia. Visa students are not regarded as OP-eligible. They may qualify for an equivalent-OP.

<sup>2</sup> In table 1, visa students are included in school totals.

Table 1: SEPs Issued

	Gender	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Government <sup>2</sup>	Male	11539	10783	10206	9503	9624
	Female	12225	11911	11338	10703	10770
	All	23764	22694	21544	20206	20394
Non-Government(Catholic) <sup>2</sup>	Male	3312	3279	3236	3159	3221
	Female	3250	3187	3097	3198	3138
	All	6562	6466	6333	6357	6359
Non-Government(Other) <sup>2</sup>	Male	2616	2659	2707	2757	2851
	Female	2559	2618	2807	2904	3159
	All	5175	5277	5514	5661	6010
All schools <sup>2</sup>	Male	17467	16721	16149	15419	15696
	Female	18034	17716	17242	16805	17067
	All	35501	34437	33391	32224	32763
OP-eligible (All schools)	Male	13231	12483	11818	11137	10885
	Female	14971	14441	13779	13520	13510
	All	28202	26924	25597	24657	24395
OP-ineligible (All schools)	Male	4016	3985	4091	3954	4505
	Female	2867	3070	3256	3076	3276
	All	6883	7055	7347	7030	7781
Equivalent OP-eligible (Visa students)	Male	206	241	219	294	266
	Female	169	171	169	167	232
	All	375	412	388	461	498
Equivalent OP-ineligible (Visa students)	Male	14	12	21	34	40
	Female	27	34	38	42	49
	All	41	46	59	76	89

## External Examinations

Senior External Examinations are conducted by the QSA for the purpose of issuing Senior Certificates to people undertaking Year 12 studies other than by full-time schooling. These include 'mature-age' students and those who are geographically isolated.

Nomination statistics for Senior External Examinations include everyone who nominated to sit for them. Some withdrew before the examination or failed to attend. Some Year 12 students, for good and sufficient reasons, may receive permission to nominate and sit for Senior External Examinations. Such students may be assessed in no more than two subjects externally.

Twenty-seven subjects were offered as 1996 Senior External Examinations: English, French, German, Indonesian/Malaysian, Italian, Japanese, Ancient History, Modern History, Geography, Economics, Legal Studies, Logic, Mathematics I, Mathematics II, Mathematics in Society, Mathematics in Society, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Earth Science, Accounting, Home Management, Graphics, Visual Art, Music, Speech & Drama, Inform. Processing & Technology. A total of 1685 candidates nominated to sit examinations in 1996, and 1370 actually sat. Some students sat more than one examination. Results for 2682 External Senior Examinations were certificated.

Table 2: External Examinations

	Gender	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Nominations</b>						
	Female	2629	1666	1233	999	921
	Male	1746	1172	857	708	764
	All	4375	2838	2090	1707	1685
<b>Certificated</b>						
	Female	4160	2650	2007	1458	1348
	Male	3143	2098	1541	1189	1334
	All	7303	4748	3548	2647	2682
<b>Certificates with external result(s)</b>						
	Female	2205	1360	1002	794	745
	Male	1445	952	664	572	625
	All	3650	2312	1666	1366	1370

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